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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Trade and development;

"(b) Food and agricultural development;

"(c) Commodities;

"(d) Cultural development;

"(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

"(f) Industrial development cooperation;

"(g) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

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* The report of the Committee on this agenda item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/49/728 and addenda.

"(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries;

"(i) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held general discussions on the item at its 18th, 19th and 21st to 28th meetings, on 31 October and 2, 8, 10, 11 and 14 to 16 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.18, 19 and 21-28). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 7 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/49/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the 1994 world survey on the role of women in development (A/49/378);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "A review of the specific development needs of small Member States and the responsiveness of the United Nations system to these needs" (A/49/424 and Add.1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/49/542);

(d) Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the ministerial statement on an agenda for development, adopted by the Group of 77 in New York on 24 June 1994 (A/49/204-E/1994/90);

(e) Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the ministerial declaration adopted by the Group of 77 in New York on 24 June 1994 (A/49/205-E/1994/91);

(f) Letter dated 11 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a copy of the communiqué issued at Bridgetown following the conclusion of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held in Barbados from 4 to 7 July 1994 (A/49/229);

(g) Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a letter sent by the President of the Republic of Tunisia and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity to the Heads of State and Government of the seven most industrialized countries at their meeting held at Naples, Italy, from 8 to 10 July 1994 (A/49/256);

(h) Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Statement of the twelfth session of the Interaction Council, held at Dresden, Germany, from 7 to 10 June 1994 (A/49/307-S/1994/958);

(i) Letter dated 31 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of documents of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries (A/49/367);

(j) Letter dated 5 September 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Twenty-fifth South Pacific Forum, held at Brisbane, Australia, from 31 July to 2 August 1994 (A/49/381);

(k) Letter dated 14 September 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration by the European Union/Southern Africa Ministerial Conference issued on 6 September 1994 at Berlin (A/49/395);

(l) Letter dated 20 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its fifty-second ordinary session, held at Riyadh on 17 September 1994 (A/49/412-S/1994/1078);

(m) Letter dated 15 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents adopted at the eighth annual summit of the Rio Group, held at Rio de Janeiro on 9 and 10 September 1994 (A/49/422-S/1994/1086);

(n) Letter dated 3 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77 adopted at its eighteenth annual Ministerial Meeting, held in New York on 30 September 1994 (A/49/462 and Corr.1);

(o) Letter dated 30 September 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of African Unity at their meeting held in New York on 29 September 1994 (A/49/479);

(p) Letter dated 7 October 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the joint statements on strategic stability and nuclear security and on partnership for economic progress, signed by the Presidents of the Russian Federation and the United States of America in Washington on 28 September 1994 (A/49/493-S/1994/1142);

(q) Letter dated 11 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,

transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries in New York on 4 October 1994 (A/49/506);

(r) Letter dated 17 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 October 1994 (A/49/532-S/1994/1179).

88 (a). Trade and development

(a) Report of the Trade and Development Board; 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on a development strategy for island developing countries: new challenges, prospects and opportunities for cooperative action (A/49/227 and Add.1 and 2);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on transit transport systems of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours: current situation and proposals for future action (A/49/277);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (A/49/363);

(e) Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Naples from 8 to 10 July 1994 (A/49/228-S/1994/827);

(f) Note verbale dated 25 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the 92nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Copenhagen from 12 to 17 September 1994 (A/49/591);

(g) Letter dated 11 November 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/49/9).

88 (b). Food and agricultural development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on food production, including agro-industrial products, international markets for agricultural and tropical products and global food security (A/49/438);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/49/15), vols. I and II.

(b) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on emergency action to combat locust infestation in Africa (A/49/507).

88 (c). Commodities

(a) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the commodity situation, developmental linkages between the commodity sector and other sectors, and actions required to develop such linkages in the context of diversification (A/49/226);

(b) Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Naples from 8 to 10 July 1994 (A/49/228-S/1994/827).

88 (d). Cultural development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development during 1992-1993 (A/49/159-E/1994/62 and Add.1 and 2).

88 (e). Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/49/330).

88 (f). Industrial development cooperation

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002) (A/49/372);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial development cooperation (A/49/347).

88 (g). United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II); 2/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/49/272);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/176 of 21 December 1993 (A/49/640).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 37 (A/49/37).

88 (h). International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developed countries

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (A/49/572);

(b) Letter dated 25 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the documents of the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/287-S/1994/894 and Corr.1).

88 (i). United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation

Note by the Secretariat on the United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation (A/49/541).

4. At the 18th meeting, on 31 October, an introductory statement on sub-item (f) was made by the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (see A/C.2/49/SR.18).

5. At the 19th meeting, on 2 November, an introductory statement on sub-item (g) was made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (see A/C.2/49/SR.19).

6. At the 21st meeting, on 8 November, introductory statements on the item as a whole were made by the Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, on behalf of the President of the Trade and Development Board, the Deputy Secretary-General and Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Assistant Director-General responsible for the sector for Culture of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Director of the Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and representatives of the Division for Sustainable Development and the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (see A/C.2/49/SR.21).

7. At the 24th meeting, on 14 November, an introductory statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (see A/C.2/49/SR.24).